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Syngenta Crop Protection, Inc. in St. Gabriel Ready for Reuse

BATON ROUGE – The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Syngenta Crop Protection Inc. celebrated the completion of a Ready for Reuse project in St. Gabriel today. Syngenta was awarded a determination letter and certificate by DEQ and EPA signifying that 31 areas on the Syngenta site have been cleaned and can be put back into use.

The property encompassed by this Ready for Reuse Determination is the entire developed area of the Syngenta Crop Protection Inc., St. Gabriel Facility, consisting of approximately 250 acres. The facility, located about 10 miles south of Baton Rouge on LA Highway 75, River Road, also includes about 1,000 undeveloped acres. The site is now deemed Ready for Reuse and has been remediated to state and federal. DEQ and EPA have concluded that Syngenta has successfully conducted investigation and risk management activities.

A Ready for Reuse Determination is an acknowledgment by DEQ and EPA that environmental conditions on the property are protective of human health and the environment based on its current and anticipated future use.

“Syngenta Crop Protection Inc. has been diligent in demonstrating that a clean environment is important to them. This ceremony is a testament to the work many people put into cleaning up this land and getting it ready to be put back into use.” said Paul Miller, DEQ Assistant Secretary. “The Ready for Reuse program is beneficial for economic reasons because land can be put back into use and is now productive again. It’s good for the environment because the contamination was addressed in a way that meets state and federal standards.”

“We’re pleased to partner with the State of Louisiana to deem properties such as this ready for reuse,” said Susan Spalding, EPA Region 6 Associate Director. “Providing assurance to stakeholders that site conditions are protective helps return previously contaminated areas to productive use, which is a major goal of our cleanup programs.”

For more information about DEQ’s voluntary remediation program, please visit www.deq.louisiana.gov or www.epa.gov to learn about EPA’s Land Revitalization Action Agenda.